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IN the lucid Body of the Moon, where, as several famous Bards have lately found out, are vast Regions and Territories, there are Three flourishing Provinces ; the first and most delightful lying *Eastward*, being known by the Name of the Province of * *Roses and Artichokes* ; the second lying *Westward*, call'd the Province of † *Potatoes* ; and the third, bounding to the *North*, entituled the Province of || *Thistles*, and under the Government and Jurisdiction of * *Oak-Royal* ; who as Queen Regent presides over the whole, assisted by a Grand Council or † *Sanhedrim*, containing five or six of the Noblest and most Judicious Trees.

This Gracious Oak, the good Genius as well as Glory of the Province, was, by the particular Influence of Heaven, Endow'd with all excellent Graces proper for Sovereignty, Pious, Bountiful and Indulgent ; and thro' the greatness of Her Power, had Scope enough to make Her known and terrible Abroad, and extreamly beloved at Home ; shading from

* Eng-d. † Ire-d. || Scot-d. * Q. A. † The P — t

from violent Storms a Number of lesser Trees and Plants that flourish beneath Her happy Influence.

It happen'd that * *Goshawk*, King of a Neighbouring *Wood*, overgrown with *Pride*, and flush'd with the former Successes of several Years; having made his Grandson the young † *Lannaret*, King of the Luscious Province of * *Grapes*, by a pretended Right; it occasioned a very furious War to break forth, that the *Royal-Oak* found her self oblig'd to persue the Measures of her Royal Predecessor, the Prince of || *Orange-Trees*, and Confederated with the * *Imperial-Ganzz*, and other brave and potent Allies, who jointly agree to Establish † *Prince-Widgeon*, in the *Region of Grapes*.

In the beginning of Her Reign, she gave a considerable Cheque to the Tow'ring *Goshawk*, by the Bravery and Conduct of the Noble || *Duke of Cypress*, who tho' a Couragious Attempt of his, upon a strong Frotress, prov'd Unsuccessful; yet did Fortune make ample Satisfaction, by giving him an opportunity to surprize the rich *Cargo of L'or*, returning to the *Province of Grapes*, at a Place call'd * *Ogiv*; which having burnt and destroy'd, he soon brought home a good part of the *Ballion* to his Sovereign.

Nor this only, but disgrace upon disgrace happen'd to the King of *Goshawk*, either under under the leading of Bold and Valliant Prince || *Tyger*, or the Vigalant and Expert Duke of * *Birchgrove*: So that Prince *Widgeon* being assisted with a suitable Equipage and Arms, was sent to invade the Kingdom of *Grapes*, and with him the Lord *Maple*, a General

General of indefatigable Diligence and Bravery, who began the Siege of \dagger *Anolecrab*, which he took to the Amazement of all Europe, and brought King *Widgeon*, who had then been Proclaim'd and Acknowledg'd by many of King *Lannarets* Subjects, to his Capital of \parallel *Dirdam*; but Fortune, who is seldom constant in her Favours, finding King *Widgeon* Tame and Spiritless, and unfit to receive her, left him to change the Glorious Diversion of obtaining such a Diadem, for the diminitive and mechanick Pastime of a Country *Bull-baiting*.

By which King *Lannaret* reassuming fresh Courage, and assisted timely by K. *Goshawk*, return'd to his Court, and afterwards, under Duke * *Querculous*, a flourishing Slip of the late Monarch *Oak* of the Province of *Roses*, gave him a total defeat at \dagger *Aznamla*; by which the whole Scheme of Successes was quite turn'd, and King *Widgeon* was driven back to his Original Seat at *Anolecrab*.

Whilst Matters went variously Abroad, let us survey again the Three Provinces at Home. The Province of *Potatoes* and that of *Thistles*, tho' equally concern'd in Fealty to the *Oak-Royal*, yet in the midst of these Turmoils lay supinely quiet a long time, till grown mouldy for want of Use, a Vagrant Party in the last, Starving upon the Barrenness of their Soil, and extreamly ready and willing to change it for a better; and therefore began to cavil at the Succession, and Dispute the Title the \parallel *Dutchesß Dowager* of *Eldars*, whose Legal Right was before confirm'd by the *Sanbedrin*: But these were thought to be highly inclin'd to * *Pr. Shrub*, a Slip, as some believe, of

\dagger *Barcelona*. \parallel *Madrid*. * *D. Ber-k.* \dagger *Almanza*.
 \parallel *El-r Han-r.* * *Preten-r.*

of the late Abdicated Monarch, tho' others negatively declare him Spurious ; and who, whatever His Right of Birth be, is infected with the Chimere Romano, and so made incapable to Reign, and consequently of all Claim by Descent. This ill-fated Shrub the Goshawk had for near Twenty Years shelter'd near his Mew, and hoping to pay himself well at last, had continually been urging the *Male-contented Thistles* to Rebel, with promise to send over Prince Shrub, who he call'd their Lawful Sovereign, whenever they would put themselves in a Capacity to receive him.

To Arm Herself therefore against this, the Prudent Oak-Royal proposes a lasting Union between the two Provinces, which taking Effect, as it was both Fortunate and Beneficial to both Provinces, yet bore quite another Face to the King of Goshawk, who thinking to take Advantage of the discontent of the *Thistles*, contrives to send Prince Shrub thither with a powerful Fleet to invade the Province of *Thistles* ; but this miscarried, and Prince Shrub return'd full of Shame and Confusion to his Royal Benefactor.

Whilst these pass'd, the * *Eusebian-Party*, in the *Province of Roses* began to Exert themselves, and raise their Heads in a very solemn manner convening some of their principal Trees, which, as Fame gives out, was the Pontifical Father in God, the Lord † *Mistletoe*, the great Earl of || *Elms*, and the virulent Lord * *Crabtree*, whose Sap arose Yearly in him so acid and bitter a Quality, that it prov'd frequently very corroding to the Oak-Royal ; but above all the rest † Sir *Asp Legis*, and || Sir *Poplir of the Hill*, were

* *Aigh-C-b:* † *Bp. L—n* || *E. N—m.* * *Ld. Hay—m.* † *Ld. Har—t.* || *E. Ox—d.*

were most busie ; nor were their Desires founded up-
on trivial Matters, no less than removing the Earl of *the*
* *Walnuts*, Principal Officer in Trust for the Manage-
ment of Foreign Affairs, was their Resolve, which
they soon hoped would be follow'd by a total Change
of the whole Ministry : But when this Affair was
brought near its *Crisis*, the Design of it was suddenly
unravell'd, and totally frustrated ; Sir *Aps Legis* not
thinking fit to stay for his Sentence of dismission,
laid down his Coronal Advocacy, whilst the deep
Sighted Sir *Poplar of the Hill*, then in the Quality of
Reginæ Secretorum, was also displanted, and † *Sir Pop-
lar of the Valley* put in his Room.

Things being carried on in this manner, gave oc-
casion to some at Court to push on their several In-
terests, and the Policy, Care, and Vigilance of the
|| *Earl of Pommes d'or*, the Wisdom, Candour, and
Unwaried diligence of the Lord * *Sycamore* was Sig-
nal on this Occasion ; for tho' there were other
Peers and Gentry, who all, with ready Zeal, made
Specious Pretences to serve their Soveraign and
Country, and therefore, aptly were Honour'd with
their several Employes ; yet it is reasonably Credited,
that by the Addreis and Interest of Sir *Poplar of the
Hill*, and the Policy and Pleading of *Aps Legis*, and
the hourly Management of their good Friend, Ma-
dam *Eglantine*, who constantly Administer'd near
the *Oak-Royal*. The *Low-Party*, that were in Office,
had been Dismis'd, had not the Brave and Eternally
renoun'd Hero, the Duke of *Birch-Grove*, assisted by
some other Noble Trees, attended *Oak-Royal*, in the
very Crisis of Time, and with a Noble Resolution,
declar'd, That unless the Principal Incendiary, as
they

* *E. S—d.* † *Mr. B—le* || *E. G—n.* * *Ld. C—r*

they call'd him, were not remov'd, and made incapable of future Management in Publick Business, they must instantly Desert Her Service, and deliver up all Patent Seals, and Commissions.

And now, whilst the Party was Enjoying their full Satisfaction, another disturbance suddenly broke out. This was one * *Rabbi Quince*, who being in the Interest of the *Eusebian-Party*, took an opportunity in a very Hot and Vehement Oration to Expose the Great Ones.

The *Rabbi* was brought to a legal Tryal, and Condemn'd to suffer some slight Innignity, yet the *Eusebian* Party gain'd their Point

And now, when it was little expected, the Duke of *Birch-Grove* was suddenly dismiss'd, not only from his Command, but also from all his Offices and Employments; his Consort, the *Lady Ivy*, having suffer'd the same Shock of Malevolent Fortune some time before.

Various you may believe were the Sentiments of the *Province* on this Considerable Accident, and the *Sanbedrin* call'd him to Accocnt for suppos'd Miscarriages. Others more Vindictive and Licentious had not such Regard for his Merit; notorious Libels frequently spreading abroad, and many of 'em inveterately tainted with more Malice then Justice. And now, to come slowly to a Conclusion, the *Sanbedrin* thought fit to lay by Affairs concerning him for a Seafon; new Matters relating to Peace, as before hinted, being again on Foot, tho' not unanimously agreeing, the Imperial *Ganza*, with the States of the Continent of *Plashy* demurring for some selfish and politick Reasons, and therefore at first, notwithstanding these Halcyon Notions, Preparations

tions, for War was agitating as orderly as ever, on all Sides, the greatly belov'd and highly deserving Duke of Cypress, being chosen by Oak-Royal, as Generalissimo over her Forces in the room of the late mention'd Duke of Birch-Grove, and soon after sent away ; but when, pursuant to his Heroick Temper, he was big with hopes of Action, and perpetuating his Glory by a considerable Advantage, that he and the glorious Prince Tyger thought they had gained of the Enemy, Orders were sent from the Province of Roses, strictly forbidding all Attacks on his Part, which tho' receiv'd with a condescending Duty, proper for the Noble Soul of the Gallant Cypress ; yet on t'other side, every one may guess what Heart-burning and Dissatisfaction must rage in a generous Posom, where thirst of Glory was so predominant.

And now to prove what had so long been expected, was Authentick, and near Ratification.

Succeeding this, presently follow'd a long Speech from Her Majesty, Oak-Royal, which denoted real and conclusive Offers of Peace, on the part of King Goshawk to the Confederacy, which considerable Point (veiling her Royal Prerogative) she thought fit to communicate to the assembled Sanhedrin, and also in return, graciously received their general Acknowledgments in Addresses, proper for the welcome Occasion.

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